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NASHVILLE – Workers' compensation professionals across the state are invited to the fourth annual Tennessee Workers' Compensation Conference to take place November 20-21, 2000, at the Nashville Airport Marriott.

"This year's conference is focusing on case management," said Michael E. Magill, commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development. "We'll be hearing from a panel of experts in the medical, legal, and insurance fields about what works and what doesn't. Those attending will be able to pick up lots of valuable advice that will help them perform their jobs more effectively."

The theme of the conference is "It Takes Everyone on the Team To Bring Home a Victory." Among those featured in the "Case Management: Working as a Team" session will be **Joseph Wieck, M.D.**, Premier Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine; **Tony Farmer**, Farmer & Farris Attorneys At Law; **Jerry Mayo**, vice president, Acceptance Insurance Company; **George Davis**, vice president, TAB Service Corporation; **Millicent W. Workman**, director of Risk Management and Human Resources, Mueller Industries; and **Kassie Tigg, R. N.**, Nashville Electric Service.

Over the course of two information-packed days, participants will be brought up-to-date on rules, procedures, and policies involving workers' compensation and will have an opportunity to network with each other about current workers' comp issues.

The "Legal Update: Rules of the Game" session will be another highlight of the conference. That segment will address new legislation and a summary of relevant case law decided within the last year.

Those involved in the worker's compensation program in Tennessee in any capacity will benefit from attending the meeting, including employers, insurance adjusters, self-insurers, third-party administrators, safety and human resource managers, plaintiffs' and defense attorneys, health care providers, mediators, and medical and vocational rehabilitation providers. Topics will be discussed from both general and specialized perspectives.

The conference is sponsored jointly by the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, and the International Workers' Compensation Foundation.

You can register for the conference by calling Darlene McDonald at the Department of Labor & Workforce Development, (615)741-2582. The \$300 registration fee includes conference materials and special functions, including one continental breakfast, one evening reception, and one luncheon.

The Nashville Airport Marriott is located at 600 Mariott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214. To reserve a room for the conference call the hotel at (615)889-9300 and state that you are attending the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Educational Conference.

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